GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TRADE WITH BELGIUM
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Belgium has shown keen interest to increase trade with India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether both the countries had any dialogue in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to(d) Yes Sir. Belgium has shown keen interest to increase trade with India.The Prime Minister of Belgium visited India in November 2006 with a large business delegation to strengthen trade and economic relations between the two countries. Earlier, in March 2005, Belgian Crown Prince Philippe visited India with a 250-member business delegation representing 126 Belgian companies spanning key sectors of Belgian economy.An economic and trade mission led by Minister of Economy and Commerce from the regional Government of Walloon (Belgium) visited India in March 2006 to strengthen economic ties. Discussions at the Government level for boosting bilateral trade and economic relations are held within the framework of Indo-Belgium-Luxembourg Joint Commission (India-BLEU JCM) as well as during bilateral visits at various levels. A Joint Business Council between the two countries is responsible for direct dialogue between business-to-business communities of the two countries. Exchang